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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	33rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ecuador
Zambia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Venezuela
Republic of Korea
Mexico
Syrian Arab Republic
Papua New Guinea
Benin
Lesotho
Kazakhstan
Sudan
Croatia
Philippines

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(continued)*:

Ethiopia
Russian Federation
Egypt
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
United Arab Emirates
Bulgaria
Bahrain
Morocco
Mongolia
Colombia
Slovakia
Ukraine
Nigeria
Jamaica
Nicaragua
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Mali
Yemen
Azerbaijan
Georgia
Iraq
Niger
World Meteorological Organization
Israel
Peru
Paraguay

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416*, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

2. International drug control [102] (A/53/3*, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/129-E/1998/58, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/382, A/53/383, A/53/416*)

   Dialogue with the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100] (A/53/3*, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/97, A/53/294, A/53/350, A/53/356, A/53/378, A/53/416* and A/53/425)

   Conclusion of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418)), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)), 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/C.5/52/25, A/C.5/52/45 and A/53/7/Add.3)) and 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of UNCTAD (A/52/898 and Corr.1 and A/53/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	11th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.29, CRP.30, CRP.31 and CRP.32

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Briefing

There will be an informal briefing on the preparations for the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and on other related matters, by the Chairman of the Commission, H.E. Mr. Simon Upton (New Zealand), *today* 8 October 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 8 October 1998

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) will be held *today*, 8 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 94 (b) (Environment and sustainable development: Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind): International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 9 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	34th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(concluded)*:

Singapore
Zimbabwe
International Monetary Fund
Maldives
Saudi Arabia
Thailand
Malaysia
Nepal
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Guatemala
Malta
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ghana

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" will be held on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy. All interested delegations are invited to attend. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations University.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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The meeting of the Bureau of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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The Bureau of the Committee on Information will hold a closed meeting on Friday, 9 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in room S-1027.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is *today*, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

31st plenary meeting

Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries [99]

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the African States), Nepal (on behalf of the Asian States), Poland (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Andorra (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), South Africa (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement) and Japan.

The commemorative meeting marking the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries was thus concluded.

32nd plenary meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/464);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210);

(d) Draft decision (A/53/45, para.87)

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Jamaica, India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Norway, Côte d'Ivoire, Ukraine, Bangladesh, Senegal, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Croatia, the Philippines and the Sudan.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 30th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in paragraph 87 of document A/53/45.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: reports of the Fifth Committee (Parts I and II) (A/53/464 and Add.1) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of Part I of its report (A/53/464).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/53/464/Add.1).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 4th meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eleven communications containing requests for hearing, four relating to Guam (A/C.4/53/2 and Add.1 to 3), one relating to the implementation of the Declaration (A/C.4/53/3), five relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/53/4 and Add.1-4) and one relating to New Caledonia (A/C.4/53/5), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Algeria, as well as by the Chairman.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Question of Guam

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Governor of Guam made a statement.

Mr. Rivera replied to questions posed to him by the representative of Papua New Guinea.

On the basis of decisions taken at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard statements by Congressman Robert A. Underwood, Member, Congress of the United States (A/C.4/53/2/Add.3), Mayor Isabel Haggard, on behalf of the Mayor's Council of Guam (A/C.4/53/2/Add.1), and Mrs. Hope Cristobal, on behalf of Senator Francis Santos, Member, Guam Commission on Self-Determination (A/C.4/53/2/Add.2).

Question of the United States Virgin Islands

On the basis of a decision taken at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Dr. Carlyle Corbin, Representative for External Affairs, Government of the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/53/3).

Dr. Corbin replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Papua New Guinea and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Question of New Caledonia

On the basis of a decision taken at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. Roch Wamytan, Front de libération nationale kanak socialiste (A/C.4/53/5).

Organization of work

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Friday, 9 October, at 5 p.m., as the deadline for the submission of any draft proposals or amendments under decolonization and related agenda items and to take action on all of the items on Tuesday, 13 October.

THIRD COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nepal, Argentina, Ghana, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Algeria, Kazakhstan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, Yemen, Slovakia, Malaysia, Malta, India, Belarus, Israel, Portugal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Botswana and Monaco.

Organization of work

The Committee designated the Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Sandru (Romania), as facilitator for a comprehensive resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, under agenda item 104.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Note: The summary of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/194).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1998

501st and 502nd (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. The General Assembly of the United Nations, 18 December 1990

Signature: Bangladesh (7 October 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Mental Health Day

On the occasion of the World Mental Health Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) will hold a panel discussion on the theme "Human Rights and Mental Health" *today*, 8 October 1998, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy to the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 8 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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